

Pure

Proverbs 15:26-The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD: but the words of the pure are pleasant words. (KJV)

Believers are challenged to remain pure from Baptism until departure from life. Repentance and Holy Confession give believers the opportunity of purity in life. Heeding the Lord's commandments keep the believer on the path of purity. Vigilance is necessary to guard against temptations which will stain the soul. The soul hungers for the joyful peace that comes with purity of heart and mind.

Proverbs 20:9-Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin? (KJV)

Purity comes from living in union with the Lord and refraining from sinful acts. Only with the grace, love and forgiveness of the Lord is purity achieved in life. Believers are not without sin but repentance leads to the Lord God's forgiveness. Forgiveness enables believers to begin anew in the life in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord's mercy merits unending gratitude for believers seeking purity in life.

Proverbs 20:11-Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right. (KJV)

The believer's conscience serves to bring to the fore sinful acts against the Lord. Holy Confession is the Holy Mystery in the Church leading to cleansing of sin. A repentant heart makes a decided difference in the peace a believer experiences. The cleansing of sins occurs and life is renewed in the Lord God's Holy Church. Joy in life equates with a life of purity and love of the Lord God on a daily basis.

Proverbs 21:8-The way of man is froward and strange: but as for the pure, his work is right. (KJV)

Believers united with the Lord are diligent in doing works blessed by the Lord. Hurdles and crosses arise in life which aid the believer in being purged of sin. Stresses, suffering and ailments can lead the believer's life to be fully purified. Purity is to be embraced, treasured and maintained as a goal among believers. The desire for purity is to be pursued with ardent love of the Lord God's ways.

Proverbs 30:5-Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. (KJV)

The believer learns about purity from the teaching and commandments of God. Believers are to look to the Lord God for the way life is to be lived in purity. Expelling sinful thoughts and combatting evil in life requires strength from God. Drawing strength from the Lord God at every moment enables life to be purified. The Lord God protects believers remaining inseparable in prayer throughout life.

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